

Please replace paragraph [0067] as follows:

A² [0067] A comparison can be made between Fig. 14(A) showing palming when using a conventional trigger "f" and Fig. 14(B) showing palming when using the trigger 13 related to this embodiment (the reels "c" and 31 are the same). A distance "d" exists from the top portion of the reel "c" and 31 to the center axis of the body "b" and 3. A distance d1' exists from the user's fourth finger, placed in the vicinity of the tip of the trigger 13, to the center axis of the body 3 and is several times longer than the distance d1, from the user's finger placed in the conventional trigger "f" (the fourth or middle finger) to the center axis of the body "b". Thus, a distance D' between the user's fourth finger placed in the vicinity of the tip of the trigger 13, and the tip of the thumb is much greater than distance D. Therefore, a force which prevents rotating of the fishing rod 21 in the axis rotation direction can be much smaller. Also, the fatigue of palming for long hours can be extremely reduced.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 3 and 5 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A reel seat for a fishing rod that includes a fishing rod body and that defines a downward and backward direction comprising:
 - an oblong pipe-shaped body through which the fishing rod body passes, the oblong pipe-shaped body defining a circumferential surface with a top portion and a lower portion;
 - a reel foot;
 - a reel foot placing surface formed on the top portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body,
 - a movable front hood and a fixed rear hood, that attach the reel foot to the reel foot placing surface; and

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cancel. a trigger protruding from the lower portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body at a fixed position and angle, the trigger having a front surface, the front surface of the trigger sloping toward the downward and backward direction relative to a rear end of the lower portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body and having a length such that at least two of an average size adult user's fingers can be placed thereon.

A4 3. (Amended) The reel seat for the fishing rod as set forth in claim 1, wherein a tip portion of an area of the front surface of the trigger on which a user's fingers can be placed is positioned behind a portion immediately below the highest position of an opening portion of the fixed rear hood.

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B2 5. (Amended) A fishing rod comprising:
a fishing rod body, that defines a downward and backward direction, on which line guides are mounted;
a reel seat;
a handle that extends backward from a position of the reel seat; and
a trigger protruding from a position opposite to a reel foot placing surface at a fixed position and angle, the trigger having a front surface, the front surface of the trigger sloping downward and backward relative to a rear end of a lower portion of the reel seat and having a length such that at least two of an average size adult user's fingers can be placed thereon.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. By this Amendment, Figs. 9, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 12, 13 and 14A are corrected by the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, the specification is amended and claims 1, 3 and 5 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.